

02 September 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 22 July 2024, in which you asked:

“What is the total number of kiwis in NZ that are permitted under a current Wildlife Act Authority to be monitored by radio transmitter”

And/Or

I request any documents held by DOC recording the numbers or estimated numbers of kiwi under a current Wildlife Act Authority that are required to be monitored by radio transmitter.

Or

The number of current Wildlife Act Authorities currently issued in NZ with a condition requiring kiwi be monitored by radio transmitter; I do not require this information in any specific format, a total number will be sufficient”

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

On 31 July 2024 you refined your request to:

“The total number of active authorities issued by the Department that allow kiwis to be radiotracked”

And

“The estimated number of kiwi reported under an active authority as being monitored by radio transmitter in the last 12 months”

You also clarified:

“We request that this information covers all 5 taxon of kiwi please, not just Brown kiwi Apteryx mantelli”

On 15 August 2024 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 02 September 2024 due to the large quantity of information sought.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *“The total number of active authorities issued by the Department that allow kiwis to be radiotracked”*

As at the date of your request, there were a total of 34 active authorities which included permission for monitoring of kiwi (*Apteryx* spp.) by radiotracking.

2. *“The estimated number of kiwi reported under an active authority as being monitored by radio transmitter in the last 12 months”*

An estimated number of between 654 - 674 kiwi (*Apteryx* spp.) with transmitters were reported on for the year ending 01 August 2024.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department’s website.

Nāku noa, nā



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